

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a special called meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen, Chair
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Julia Cuba Lewis
Neva Fernandez
Juliana Gonzales
Amanda Lewis
Dyana Limon-Mercado
Sarah Tober

Commissioners Absent:

Rossana Barrios

Vacancy:

District 3

Staff in Attendance:

Vicky Nguyen, Human Resources Department
Bryan Dore, Human Resources Department
Kachina Clark, Austin Police Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speaker: Carlos Leon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of May 8, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Limon-Mercado, Gonzales, and Tober were off the dais. Commissioner Barrios was absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**
 - i. **Economic equity**
Discussion was held, and no action was taken.
 - ii. **Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**
The action to remove Commissioner Cuba Lewis and add Commissioner Fernandez to this working group was approved on Commissioner Cuba Lewis' motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Barrios was absent.
 - iii. **Access to quality and affordable healthcare**
Discussion was held, and no action was taken.
 - iv. **Women's Hall of Fame**
Discussion was held, and no action was taken.
- b. **Discussion regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**
Discussion was held regarding the City of Austin FY2020 budget.
- c. **Discussion regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.**
Discussion was held regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Presentation from the Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking by John Nehme, President and CEO of Allies Against Slavery.**
Discussion was held regarding human trafficking..
- b. **Discussion and possible action regarding Commission's membership in the National Association of Commissions for Women.**
The action to renew membership with the NACW was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Tober's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Athar-Jogee was off the dais. Commissioner Barrios was absent.
- c. **Discussion and possible action regarding alternatives to a boycott by the City of Austin against the State of Alabama regarding the state's further restriction of access to abortion. *Sponsored by Commissioners Limon-Mercado and Fernandez, Chair Austen, and Vice Chair Bope.***
The action to further discuss and take possible action on the boycott during the July meeting was approved on Commissioner Tober's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Athar-Jogee was off the dais. Commissioner Barrios was absent.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**
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- iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare
- iv. Women's Hall of Fame
- b. Discussion was held on future meeting dates. A regular meeting to be held on July 10, 2019 was added to the Commission for Women calendar.
- c. Recommendation regarding alternatives to the Alabama boycott.
- d. Recommendation regarding human trafficking.
- e. Discussion regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.
- f. Discussion regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.
- g. Discussion regarding updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC).
- h. Discussion and possible action regarding advertisements on Capital Metro buses.
- i. Discussion and possible action regarding Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT).

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. without objection.